

Pistol Range

Herrick Archives Number H 248

1. Evidence concerning the existence and nature of this building comes solely from two pairs of photographs as follows:

1.1 X 2341 and X 22925 " a pair of pictures taken on September 20, 1918 from the smoke stack of the power plant (017). On the margin of the negative for X 22925 is written, "Pistol range right - used by Aviation School."

1.2 X 13933 and X 13934 taken in 1918. The words "rifle range" are written on the X 13933 negative.

2. The building was of frame construction, and appears to have been 10 to 15 feet wide and 15 to 20 feet long.

3. The reference to the "Aviation School" on one of the negatives suggests that the building was erected in 1918 along with other buildings hastily constructed in connection with the University's World War I effort. Other buildings erected at this time were 019, H 213, and H 216.

Apparently, the building had a short life, since it does not appear in any Stadium construction photograph in a series taken in 1921 and 1922.

The exact location of the building cannot be determined from the photographs, but it appears to be approximately halfway between the southeast corner of the Stadium (082) and the northwest corner of the most recent addition to Larkins Hall (346).

For indexing purposes, this building is listed at 401 West Seventeenth Avenue.

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ADDENDUM NO. 1

The Lantern on April 13, 1920 reported that a pistol range for field artillery cadets, "similar to the rifle range established by the Infantry," had been opened west of Neil Avenue. The targets were against cinder piles.

The wording of this article gives no evidence of any structure for the field artillery range.

The article does suggest that the building between the Stadium and Larkins Hall was called the "rifle range" and that it was for infantry use.

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